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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action of November 5, 2002, Applicants make the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 55-71 are pending. Claims 55-60, 62, 63, 65-68, 70, and 71 stand rejected for lack of enablement. Claims 55-71 stand rejected for indefiniteness. Claims 55-71 stand further rejected for obviousness in view of Sassen et al. (Cardiovasc. Drugs Ther. 1994, 8:179-191; hereafter "Sassen"), Vane et al. (Circulation, 1991; 84:2588-2590; hereafter "Vane"), Lee et al. (Am. J. Cardiol. 1994, 73:1037-1040; hereafter "Lee"),